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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: R.D. Hibbs et al. Attorney Docket No. HREL121731
Application No.: 10/687,453 Group Art Unit: 3632
Filed: October 15, 2000 Examiner: A.M. King
Title: APPARATUS FOR SECURING A CAP OF A CONTAINER TO AN
EXTERNAL STRUCTURE

TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RESPONSE
AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Seattle, Washington 98101

July 15, 2005

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

A. Amendment Transmittal

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

X 1. No additional claim fee is required, as shown below.

COMPUTATION OF FEE FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For		Present Extra		Rate		Additional Fee
Total Claims	19	Minus	21	=	0	x	25	=	0.00
Independent Claims	2	Minus	3	=	0	x	100	=	0.00
Total Additional Fee for this Amendment									\$0.00

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B. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated May 20, 2005 applicants respectfully request amendment of the application as follows.

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